

PRACTICE FAIR HOUSING

"Equal opportunity to enjoy a dwelling"



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

What else are we doing to affirmatively further FAIR HOUSING?

The City of San Diego is striving to increase opportunity and equality for all of its citizens. Our Fair Housing program offers free services to the community in order to promote equal housing opportunity through education and counseling efforts.

- Fair Housing Counseling
- Real estate, lending, insurance, accessibility and rental practices audits / tests
- Educational fair housing seminars for tenants and landlords
- Educational fair housing seminars for homebuyers
- Educational capacity building for non-profit organizations in the housing field
- Multilingual Rental Housing Handbooks
- Participation in community events throughout the City of San Diego
- Participation in regional efforts throughout the County of San Diego



To report a fair housing violation

1.800.462.0503

www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/fairhousing

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request. To request an alternative format, please contact the Fair Housing Hotline.



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YOU ARE PROTECTED AGAINST ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

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Equal access to housing for all is a right protected by both federal and state law. Fair Housing laws allow you to obtain the housing of your choice, free from illegal discrimination.

Federal Law makes it unlawful to discriminate based on:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Disability
- Sex (Gender)
- National Origin
- Familial status (households with one or more children under age 18 years old)

State Law adds protections against discrimination based on:

- Marital Status
- Age
- Source of Income
- Sexual Orientation
- Medical Condition
- Other Arbitrary Status

Denying an individual the opportunity to rent or buy housing, purchase homeowners insurance or obtain a mortgage loan based on a protected status is illegal discrimination under the law.

If you think you have experienced illegal housing discrimination or harassment, you can explore filing a complaint by taking the following steps within one year of the incident:

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1. Call Fair Housing Hotline at: 1.800.462.0503
2. Speak with a housing counselor and provide facts and details about the incident
3. If merited, your complaint will be referred to a legal service provider for an impartial investigation of your complaint
4. If your complaint is accepted, an attempt will be made to assist both parties in resolving the issue
5. If the complaint is unresolved and there is evidence that a violation of the law occurred, the complaint may be litigated

COMMON VIOLATIONS OF FAIR HOUSING LAW

Common violations of fair housing law, based on protected status, include:

- Refusing to rent, lease, or sell housing
- Sexual harassment involving unwanted sexual advances or requiring sexual favors for housing rights or privileges
- Discriminatory policies, practices, terms, or conditions that result in unequal access to housing or housing-related services
- Refusal to permit reasonable modifications to a dwelling space or common use area, at the tenant's expense, when necessary to accommodate a disability
- Refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services, when necessary to accommodate a disability
- Denial of homeowner's insurance or home loan

